SICK CALL STILLS JOY ON WARSHIPS

Captain of the Wyoming Believed To Be Victim of Subtle Poison.

TARS "HOME AGAIN" AFTER LONG TRIP

Shore Leave of Men Curtailed by Mexican Situation-Had Good Cruise.

There was sorrow when the great ships of the American navy reached port yesterday, as well as much rejolcing. Officers and men were glad to reach home, but there was sadness on the Wyoming. for Captain Frederick Chapin was carried down the gangplank and taken to the

Marine Hospital. He is very ill Every officer and man hopes that Captain Chapin will recover, but the result is

severe blow, or a "whole gale," as sailors His aliment is not yet definitely described by the physicians.

Captain Chapin himself would be first to tell the men to go ashore and enthemselves, ro, on account of his il ness, the order was given by Rear Ad miral Charles J. Badger.

sailors will not, however, get the furlough they expected. The Mexican sit-uation will hold them close to the big sea fighters, and the men will receive only few hours' shore leave, while waiting for orders from the Navy Department.

The Wyoming, the Arkansas, the Utah and the Florida, components of one of the finest squadrons in the world, reached here yesterday from the long Mediter ranean cruise. The first two came in the other two stopped at Tompkinsville. Among those present on the flagship

Lowrey is the only member of the crew won that fracas. As evidence of the fact forming them that his majesty will that he was glad to get back home he bitrerly resented the throwing of a rope to the deck of the Wyoming, and, seizing one end of it, ran nimbly around the feet of Lieutenant D. C. Patterson and tripped

Christmas festivities, they take part in

entertainments at which the tango is

"The King regards participation in

such a dance absurd and unworthy of

CHURCHILL TO GERMANY

Visit May Have to Do with Lim-

iting Naval Armaments.

then go to Germany for three weeks.

It will not be forgotten that Mr.

Churchill, only a few months ago, re-

vived the suggestion that Germany

ing the expansion of maritime arma-

has met no official response, but al-

though the relations between the two

less than cordiality by almost all the

she would have available for further

Mr. Churchill has not been in Ger-

HEAVY TREMOR IN JAPAN

Houses Rocked in Tokio and

Yokohama—No Fatalities.

quake in several years occurred here to-

Houses in Tokio and Yokohama were vio-

lently rocked and the people were greatly

alarmed. So far as can be learned there

were no casualties, and the damage wa

for Tokio is 96, according to the result of

observations extending over twenty-six

years. During the last fifty years only

two severe shocks have been experienced.

In other parts of Japan, however, heavy

earthquakes are common. In June, 1896.

one in 1884 and the other ten years later.

confined to windows and bric-a-brac

of the North Sea.

danced. The order states

cot of the battleship, and was given to an officer. Officers must always re leutenant Patterson by William Prazer member the dignity of their positions Gibson of New York.

At Villefranche Lowery got shore leave. the same as other members of the com He thought he could do anything they did, so when another dog snarled at him Lowrey argued it with him in the only way he knows-tooth and toenall say that the challenger will have to he patched up before he again appears is solite dog society.

uliar distaste for one of the starboard live-inch guns, and whenever the breechblock is opened or pulled out, or whatever they do to it, he seizes it and barks over the affair

When the fleet left Villefranche it was heartily cheered. The people came out in oats and gave the Americans a noisy Bon voyage," while the warships' bands

E. H. Cooper, of the Wyoming, "we had ments by joining this country in the rom the Italian officers at Naples. and responded with a series of athletic

said: | cordial It was rec Four sailors were sitting in a barroom at Villefranche, and one of them pulled out German press, and in some cases with considerable roll of money. It looked extreme bitterness. It was claimed by good to the proprietors of the place, and some publicists that the less money

they accused the men of robbing the cash Germany devoted to her navy the more register and had them taken to the police the barroom searched and there was no perfecting and increasing her army. station and searched. Then the court had cash register there, nor had there been. They were discharged, of course. "But that didn't satisfy the men. They

went back to inquire about their treatment, and a bartender pulled a gun on one of them. The latter promptly framed and the course of his visit will be a chair around the barman's countenance watched with interest from this side and now he has the revolver as a spotl of

"In Malta a cab driver was bired by two of the men and charged them too much. They called a policeman, got their ride free and had the driver fined."

Captain Kilgore, of the marines, joined the group and refused to be quoted, but somebody said-somebody said-that is the Strait of Messina a dolphin fifteen feat long raced the Wyoming to a stand still. Not only that, but the fish made sport of the matter by crossing and recrossing the ship's bows.

Rear Admiral Badger was tired out with a strenuous day's work yesterday afternoon and took a nap. He had much to do when his fleet reached harbor and was visited by many friends. Besides that he had a world of routine matters to look

Ensign Blankenship did not want his name printed, so that's why it is withheld. This is not for publication, neither is the fact that he told a number of interesting incidents of the voyage. He did not tell about a race between five of the men, on wheels, between Monte Carlo and somewhere, when one of them was about to be run over by a speeder and had to jump in front of a car-evidently preferring a classy death. However, the sailor was not much hurt, but his clothes were

soon given to a ragpicker. Altogether, officers and men were delighted with their experiences abroad, but as one of those given shore liberty said

"God bless us, we're back in His own

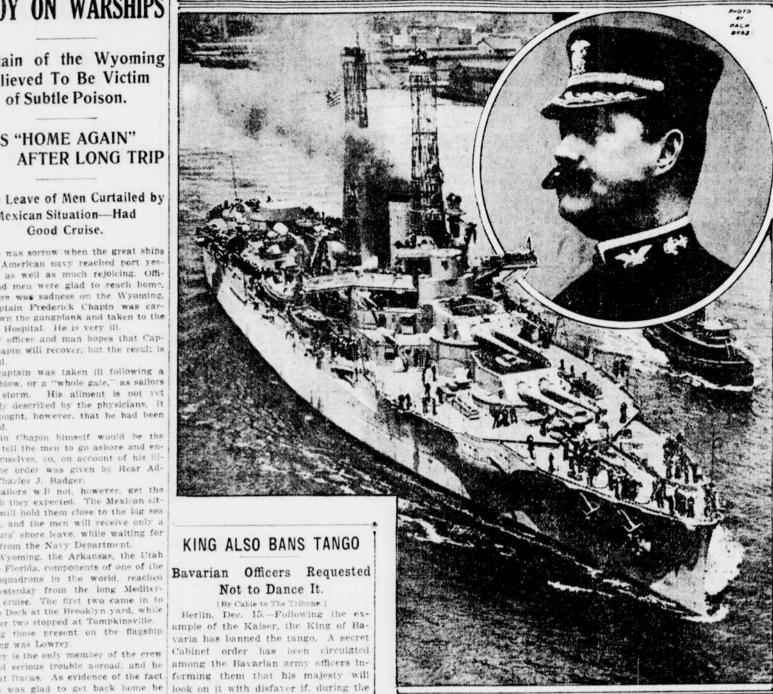
"MYSTERY SHIP" LAUNCHED

Details of British Battle Cruiser Secret-100,000 Horsepower.

Glasgow, Dec. 15 .- The British battle cruiser Tiger, known as the "mysters ship," was launched to-day at the Clydebank shipbuilding works, where her keel plate was laid on June 29, 1912. *Details of the new vessel have beer guarded most strictly by the Admiralty It is known, however, that her engines are designed to give the hitherto unattempted horsepower of 100,000, calculated to develop a speed which will eclipse that of any naval vessel affort Unofficial reports give the Tiger's di-

mensions as: Length over all 700 feet beam, 90 feet; displacement, about 20,-000 tons. Her armament is said to con prise eight 13.5 inch guns in pairs in turrets on centre line and twelve 6-inch guns in casemates, with two 21 inch submerged torpedo tubes.

THE BATTLESHIP WYOMING AND CAPTAIN FREDERICK CHAPIN.



ITALIANS RESENT PICTURE'S RETURN

Crowds Endanger Uffizi Statuary No Trace of Thief's Sweetheart, Mathilde,

f people striving to obtain a view on Churchill purposes to leave London on busts and statues from the Uffizi Gallery Friday for Paris. He will spend the to prevent them from being overturned week end in the French capital and asd broken in the struggle to get near

should co-operate in the task of limit- here to-day to investigate the circum naval holiday proposal. So far this with reference to the procedure examination of Vincenzo Perugia because the crime was committed outside Italian territory. The French police officials car countries are now so correct and even neither interrogate Perugia nor be pres-

in the room of Vincenzo Perugia after his arrest at Florence for the theft of "Mon-Lisa" from the Louvre so far have been Mathilde, who has been de It is in these circumstances that Mr. scribed as an exceedingly beautiful girl. Churchill is now going to Paris, where the image of "Mona Lisa," is known a new government is in power. After to have disappeared suddenly several visiting Paris the First Lord of the months ago.

An examination of the love missives Admiralty will proceed to Germany, found among Perugia's effects reveals that Mathilde's French was defective. She, presumably, is of foreign birth, pos-

The Prefect of Paris, Celestin Hennion many since he succeeded to his present has ordered a searching inquiry into the manner in which the police investigation was conducted at the time of the theft of the "Mona Lisa." pelled to take this course in consequence of a report of M. Bertillon, throwing the thole responsibility for the failure to identify Perugia on the detective department. Although the detectives examined Perugia and knew his police record, yet Tokio, Dec. 15.-The strongest earth- they omitted to furnish to the finger print department his name with those o day and was felt over an extensive area. the other persons, to the number of 257, who had worked in the Louvre.

ERUPTION KILLS MANY

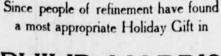
Mountain Collapses in New Hebrides-Villages Destroyed.

Melbourne, Dec. 15 .- Dispatches from Noumea, capital of the French colon of New Caledonia, report that great destruction has been wrought by canic eruption in Ambrim Island, of the in the Sanriku districts (North Japan) New Hebrides group. Six new craters 27,000 persons were killed; in Formosa, in were formed on the west coast Decem-February, 1906, 1,228, and an earthquake ber 6. The following day Mount Minnie which occurred August 14, 1909, at Mino- collapsed and many villages were over-Omf, destroyed nearly 10,000 houses and whelmed by streams of molten lava. The majority of the inhabitants sought ref-

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has sale of articles made by nual meeting of the New York Associ

U. S. MAY RIVAL TELEGRAPH LINES

House Measure Aims to Acquire 'Phone Co.s Wires to Send Telegrams.

\$100,000,000 ANNUAL PROFIT ESTIMATED

Cost of Acquisition a Billion-Long Distance Rates To Be Cut Down.

Washington, Dec. 15,-After months the Postoffice Department, Representato-day perfected his bill for the acquisition by the government of the telephone systems of the country. The bill will not provide for the immediate the telegraph com-

time an administration measure, but Mr. Lawis's efforts to work out a system of government ownership of telephone lines has at least had the good wishes of the administration. There are reports that the administration may go even further than Mr. Lewis now proposes in its acquisition of mes sage-carrying utilities.

For several months, it is learned, Mr. Lewis has had a private office in the Postoffice Department, where h worked in seclusion.

When the Lewis bill is introduced it will provide for the taking over by the government of the long distance and ocal systems of the American Bell and independent companies, but will not contemplate the acquisition of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph

It is proposed, however, that the government shall go into the business of handling telegraph messages by attaching instruments to acquired telephone wires, using the telephone copper circuits for both telegrams and telephone messages.

It is estimated that almost a billion dollars will be needed for the acquisition, by purchase or condemnation, of the telephone lines of the country.

Mr. Lewis will offer in support of his bill a carefully prepared statement of the rate charges prevailing in this country for telephone and telegraph dent of express, telephone and tele-

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ernment shall be conducted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is proposed that the commission shall appraise the value of the telephone systems, the government meanwhile to pay 4 per cent interest on the stocks of the telephone lines.

When the value shall have been ascertained by the interstate Commerce Commission the United States is to issue 3 per cent bonds with which to purchase the lines. Stockholders are to have the option of taking bonds instead of cash for their holdings.

The Lewis plan calls for an ultimate reduction of the local rates, with an immediate reduction in the charge for the long distance service performed. It is proposed to allow the local rates to stand until the new owners of the tele phone lines have opportunity to ascertain the actual earning capacity of the property, following the precedent established when the parcel post was put in operation

It is roughly estimated that the government should earn annually at least \$100,000,000 from the Bell lines when operated for telephone and telegraph services. It is held that the telephone lines reach practically every section of the country and that there may be competition with the telegraph companies without going to the expense of taking them over. It is tentatively proposed that the flat rate for tele graph messages for distances of 300 niles or less shall be one cent a word.

Mr. Lewis will advance the novel idea that postage stamps may be used in payment for government handled tele graph messages. The stamps would be affixed to the message, thus minimizing the cost of accounting.

LLOYDGEORGE NEWS SHOCK

London Can't Get Over Tribune's Disclosures.

By Cable to The Tribune. London, Dec. 15.-London cannot ge over the surprise caused by The Tribune's disclosure that David Lloyd George, jr., was associated with Lord Murray of Elibank in a financial ex 'entral and South America

A remarkable fact is that nothing ever appeared in the newspapers about the doings of this young man until The name of his brother, who has just left school for the university is constantly mentioned as that of promising Rugby football player

call the Marconi scandal, in which,

In the circumstances, special inter-The American rates will be Lord Murray is coming home at last compared with European rates, to the as it was thought here that he was disadvantage of the domestic systems. hardly likely to make any statement The Maryland Representative, a stu- before he reached England. What the people here want to know is whether graph rates, advocates that the pur- Lord Cowdray and Lord Murray are chase of the telephone lines by the gov- going to take this defeat lying down.



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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Silversmiths

The law of suggestion operates very subtly. Sometimes inanimate objects suggest a sentiment even more vividly than language

For instance, there is a Christmassy flavor so pungent and striking about the fine assortment of individual articles at Gorham's that the suggestion of holly trees and Santa Claus is irresistible.

Maybe it is the power of association—the relation of beautiful gift objects to the festival season, or maybe it is the more subtle thought of the designer expressing itself in the language of Art.

For the time being leave out of consideration the fine, big chests of silver, the silver services, the coffee and tea sets, and consider only the individual articles, suitable for Christmas presents-for example, toilet ware, Leather goods, Umbrellas, Novelties.

The Gorham toilet ware is a fine illustration of the inanimate object conveying a sentiment. Toilet articles for men and women are distinctly individual and are made by Gorham's in bewildering variety and beauty. They are within reach of any purse, and any one of them sent with your card to a friend on Christmas eve would be suggestive of the season as a Christmas carol itself. It is not necessary to buy a full toilet ware set-you can buy a single piece if that is all you want. It can be matched at any

Gorham's, by the way, makes a specialty of its \$5 umbrellas. Those for men at this price have attractive natural wood handles, those for women have natural wood handles silver trimmed. The frames are stoutly built, though very light.

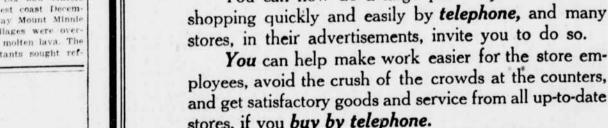
The assortment of Gorham umbrellas covers every conceivable variety and in prices they go to \$50 and over. If you want to see how much Beauty, Style, Character and Durability can be put into an umbrella by expert makers, just look over those offered at Gorham's.

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